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SUBJECT: DURING INTERPELLATIONS NDP ASSEMBLYMAN ASKS FOR
PRESIDENT TO RESIGN

REF: SEOUL 8321

1. DRUING DECEMBER 14 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY INTERPELLATION
NDP ASSEMBLYMAN CHONG IL-HYONG CALLED ON PRESIDENT PARK
TO RESIGN, PRECIPITATING BRAWL ON ASSEMBLY FLOOR. THE
FIRST OF THREE NSP ASSEMBLYMEN SCHEDULED TO QUESTION
GOVERNMENT ON THE CONSTITUTION AND NATIONAL SECURITY,
DR. CHONG ATTRIBUTED MAJOR PROBLEMS FACING ROK TO
EXTENDED RULE OF PRESIDENT PARK. HE REITERATED
STANDARD NDP POSITION THAT YUSHIN SYSTEM NOT JUSTIFIED
BY THREAT FROM NORTH AND THT CONSTITUTION SHOULD BE
CHANGED TO ALLOW ELECTION OF NEW PRESIDENT. HE ALSO
GAVE EXAMPLES OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT WHO HAD RETIRED
VOLUNTARILY TO RESPECTED PLACES IN PRIVATE LIFE.

2. TOWARD END OF SPEECH CHONG ASKEE PRIME MINISTER IF HE
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WOULD RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENT STEP DOWN. AT THIS POINT

GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION BEGAN TO SHOUT AT EACH OTHER AND
FINALLY YUCHONGHOE ASSEMBLYMAN SONG HO-RIM ATTEMPTED
TO SHOVE CHONG FROM PODIUM, GIVING RISE TO SEVERAL MINUTE
FREE-FOR-ALL INVOLVING MAJORITY OF ASSEMBLYMEN. SPEAKER
CHONG IL-KWON THEN TEMPORARILY RECESSED SESSION AND LEFT
CHAMER ALONG WITH CABINET MINISTERS.

3. BY MID DAY GOVERNMENT AND OPPOSITION HD NOT COME TO
TERMS TO ALLOW RESUMPTION OF INTERPELLATIONS, ALTHOUGH
ORDER WAS RESTORED ON FLOOR.
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